



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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## **TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE**

DIAL  
**978-929-6600**

### **TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

### **TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Saturday - Sunday: Closed

*Town Offices will be closed:  
Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day*

### **ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

## **TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE**

The Annual Town Meeting will begin on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 PM at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium and Upper Gymnasium (36 Charter Road). It is expected the business of the meeting will be conducted over two days, starting on Monday and continuing at the same time on Tuesday the 17th. There will be 56 articles, including 12 citizen petitions, and 31 on the consent agenda. In partnership with ActonTV, pre-recorded presentations explaining most of the articles will be published online the week before. The warrant is available online by visiting [actonma.gov/townmeeting](http://actonma.gov/townmeeting).



I'm pleased to announce Acton's new Public Information Center. This page was created to serve as a central destination for the public to access information including public hearings and legal notices, financial documents such as the annual budget and audit, and many other resources and publications. Check out this new page by visiting [actonma.gov/info](http://actonma.gov/info).

Thanks to the efforts of the Finance Department, we are excited to introduce Acton's very first [Popular Annual Financial Report](#). This document provides a summary of the information included in the 117-page [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) and provides a summary of the community's financial position. The PAFR also includes financial trends and statistics that are benchmarked against comparable communities. We hope this document is helpful in providing an insight into the Town's long-term fiscal outlook and health, and we look forward to building upon this document in future years.

The Department of Veterans' Services will be hosting a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 30th at 10AM. The parade will begin from the Acton Boxborough Regional High School and continue towards the Town Common where an abbreviated ceremony will be held. The parade will then continue down Concord Road and arrive at Woodlawn Cemetery, at which point the main ceremony will be held. For more information, please contact James MacRae, Acton-Boxborough Veterans' Service Officer at 978-929-6614.



*Members of the Acton Minute Men participating in the Memorial Day Parade*

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager



**STEPHANIE MIXON**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Please join us in welcoming Officer Stephanie Mixon to the Town of Acton as our newest Patrol Officer. Officer Mixon was raised in Orange, Connecticut, and graduated last year from Merrimack College with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice. Officer Mixon recently graduated from the Merrimack College Police Academy in early April and is currently scheduled to complete her Masters Degree in Criminal Justice this month.



**KERRI DARCY**

### **ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The Acton Memorial Library is pleased to welcome Kerri Darcy as the newly appointed Head of Adult Services. She comes to us from Thomas Crane Library in Quincy where she was the Outreach and Programming specialist. Her experience with Teens and Young Adults is an added highlight for the AML as we look to build our Adult Services Department, continue to develop our community outreach and social media presence and work with a variety of Town Departments to support the Library and the Town of Acton.



**SUSAN LOMBARD**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Please welcome Acton Fire Department's newest member Susan Lombard. Firefighter Lombard is Firefighter I/II Pro Board certified, having attended the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer program. She is a MA certified paramedic and is also a United States Coast Guard veteran, having served 9 years with the USCG.





*Pictured from L-R: David Martin, Select Board Chair, Elizabeth McNamara, Dean Charter, Select Board, Robert Smart, Anshu Sood, Barbara Floss, Kristen Guichard, Doug Mahoney, Ana Dapkias, Shaun Shattuck, QinRui Pang*

*The 9th Annual S.T.A.R. ("Service to the Town of Acton Recognition") Awards evening was held on Thurs, April 28, at the Boxborough Regency where thirteen Town of Acton employees were honored for their years of service with the Town of Acton.*



### 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ACTON

**QinRui Pang** – Qin began as a Civil Engineer and promoted to Town Engineer in 2021. Qin earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University. Prior to her employment in Acton, Qin worked as an Engineering Assistant for CDM, Inc.

**Kristen Guichard** – Kristen was hired as the Assistant Planner in 2012, promoted to Senior Planner in 2017, then promoted to Planning Director and Zoning Enforcement Officer in 2021. Prior to Kristen's employment Kristen came from the Town of Stow, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Clark University and a Master's in Public Administration from Clark University.

**Robert Smart** – Robert is a Firefighter/EMT. He began his employment in July 2012, and prior to his employment he worked as a carpenter, and as an on-call Firefighter/EMT with the Town of Stow.

**Shaun Shattuck** – Shaun is a Firefighter/EMT. He began his employment in July 2012. Shaun was an Accountant before joining Pepperell Fire as a Firefighter and Dispatcher, as well as the Derry, New Hampshire Fire Department. Shaun holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Merrimack College

**Elizabeth McNamara** – Elizabeth began her employment as a per diem nurse with the Acton Nursing Services in July 2012, and promoted to the Nurse Case Manager in 2016. Elizabeth oversees all the patients needing skilled nursing services in their homes after illness, injury, or surgical procedures.

**Douglas Mahoney** – Doug is a Patrol Officer and currently the Department's Court Prosecutor. Doug began his employment in August, 2012, and has since served as a member of the Drug Unit, Accreditation Team, Criminal Investigator, Property and Evidence Officer, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, and Nasal Narcan Instructor.

**Ana Dapkias** – Ana is a Patrol Officer and began her employment in August, 2012. Prior to her employment, Ana worked for the Department of Children and Families for 5-years and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from UMASS Boston.

**John Foster** - John is the Senior Grounds Keeper in the Department of Public Works. John began his employment in April 2012, and prior to his employment he was self-employed and owner of Universal Contractors.

**Ian Heffernan** – Ian works in the Natural Resources Division as a Cemetery Worker. Ian began his employment in August 2012, and prior to his employment with the Town, he was a driver/laborer for Hardy Dorie, Inc.



## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ACTON



**BARBARA FLOSS** - Barbara works in the Technical Services Department at the Memorial Library. Barbara grew up in Indiana and received a degree from Purdue University and then earned her Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1990. Barbara started in September 2002, in the Circulation Department part-time one to two nights a week so that her husband would take care of the kids and she could have conversations with adults! Barbara has been married for 36 years with two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and a daughter-in-law on the way! The most unusual thing she has done is to drive from Oregon to Virginia following her husband as he rode his bicycle across the country!



**ANSHU SOOD** – Anshu also started in September 2002, and works in the Circulation Department at the Memorial Library. Anshu immigrated to the US in 1995, and enjoys interacting with the multicultural and diverse patrons of Acton and is blessed to have lived in several countries in Southeast Asia prior to immigrating to the US in 1995; and that exposure to different people and cultures is serving her well in the library. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, gardening, going for nature walks, eating out and spending time with her family.



**TRISHA SULLIVAN** – Tricia started in November 2002, as a Police Officer for the Acton Police Department. Tricia has served numerous roles within the Department; School Resource Officer, Elder Affairs Officer, member of the Domestic Violence Unit and Sexual Assault Investigator, and the liaison to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In 2017, Tricia received a Special Recognition Award from the Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement. Tricia grew up in Acton and is a 1989 graduate of Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.



## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ACTON



**BRIAN MCMULLEN**

Brian has been with the Town of Acton in the Assessor's Division since April 1992. Nicknamed "The Mayor," Brian has a very caring approach to the citizens of Acton and a champion and advocate to those in need. Brian has worked with both the Select Board and Board of Assessors since 1992.

In 2002, he was part of a team that implemented the Community Preservation Act in less than two months! From 2003-2006 he was part of the team that implemented our integrated financial system (MUNIS), and part of the team that helped Acton achieve a AAA bond rating in 2010.

In Brian's spare time, he enjoys any and all outdoor activities, and is an avid hiker and camper.

***Thank you for an amazing 30 years!***



## Acton Nursing Services: 100 Years of Service to Acton

Acton Public Health Nursing Services (ANS) is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of providing services to the residents of Acton. After the Spanish flu pandemic that was raging from 1918 to 1919, Acton had a visiting physician for the schools and there was an assigned school nurse for a time during 1921. In the Town archives, it's stated that on March 13, 1922 Town Meeting voted "that the board of health be instructed to employ a town nurse" and voted "to appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to care for the expense." On May 17, 1922, Ida Briedenbach was appointed as the first Town Nurse at a salary of \$825 with an additional \$633 for a Ford sedan. The following year, 1923, Town Meeting voted \$2,000 for the town nurse department. The belief is that the Town has funded a Town Nurse ever since.



Over the decades, ANS has helped thousands of Acton residents maintain and/or restore their health with a range of services. In 1966, ANS became a Medicare Certified Home Health Care agency to provide services to those requiring in-home support. This is in addition to helping all Acton residents stay healthy with preventative services and programs.

The most recent activity that ANS was actively involved in was supporting Acton residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. ANS provided education, communication, vaccinations, tracking, contact tracing and on-the-spot help when needed, especially for home-bound residents. ANS worked closely with the Acton Schools, and the Public Health team, to provide what was needed for students, parents, teachers and the community regarding protocols and disseminating information.

The Town of Acton appreciates the services of the committed staff and leadership of the Acton Nursing Services team. For 100 years, someone has always been there to help Acton residents stay healthy.

We hope you never need home care, but, if you or a family member or neighbor or friend needs help be sure to call ANS at 978-929-6650 or e-mail [nursing@actonma.gov](mailto:nursing@actonma.gov).

### Mission Statement:

*The Acton Public Health Nursing Services is dedicated to fostering individual and community health in the Town of Acton. To this end, the nursing service provides public health services and certified home health to the residents of Acton.*



#### **Acton Town Report Archives:**

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE - As Town Nurse of Acton, I respectively submit the following report from May 17, to December 31, 1922.

- District calls 752
- Home calls or follow-up work 96
- Contagious cases found in school 14
- Calls or follow up on T. B. work 9
- Baby welfare calls 21
- Child welfare calls 11
- Prenatal calls 5
- First aid administered 24
- Anesthetics given 2
- Confinement 2
- Health talks 26
- Children brought home ill from school 4
- Hours spent in schools 187
- All school children having been examined as per requirement of school regulations.

IDA BREIDENBACH, R. N.



## CREATING ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

*Sponsored by the Towns of Acton, Boxborough and Littleton*

**May 19, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**FREE VIRTUAL PROGRAM—PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JkHoAnekTtu1Q3Go3psuKg](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JkHoAnekTtu1Q3Go3psuKg)

Creating advanced directives is essential in expressing your medical care decisions when you are not able to speak for yourself. Nurse Attorney Cathleen H. Summers will discuss the **types of documents** you will need, **how to choose the right person** for the Health Care Proxy role, and how to best **communicate your wishes** with loved ones and your health care providers.



Nurse-Attorney Cathleen Summers is the co-founding partner at Generations Law Group. She has over 30 years of legal experience, and concentrates her legal practice on estate planning, Medicaid and long-term care planning, guardianship and other areas of elder law.

Attorney Summers is the go-to expert on helping clients and their families navigate the legal and health care worlds when a crisis occurs. She currently serves as President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.



*Funding for CHNA15 is provided from Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and Winchester Hospital through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of Need (DoN) process.*





## Mental Health Fair

Saturday, May 21st  
10AM-1PM  
Fay Park  
Littleton, MA

Vendor tables with local resources and information

FREE yoga classes with Jenny every hour

Food, music and games to #STOPTHESTIGMA for Mental Health Awareness Month

Contact Elder and Human Services at 978-540-2470 for more information

# COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers in-person and virtual activities and is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to Noon. Visit our website [actoncoa.com](http://actoncoa.com) for the latest information on the programs below and much more! You can also view our newsletter or to sign up for notifications. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook @actoncoa! The COA is following local guidelines concerning COVID-19 precautions.

## ***A Note from the Director ~***

May is older Americans month and we will be celebrating over 180 Acton residents who are 90+ years of age with a special luncheon. This month we will also be re-starting our Memory Café see page # for more information. Last month we had 27 new people utilize the Senior Center. It's so nice to see new faces and to have a bustle back in the building. Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well.

## **MAY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Mocktail Margaritas (Cinco de Mayo!):** Thursday, May 5, 2 P.M.
- **A Funny Thing Happened on the Campaign Trail:** Tuesday, May 10, 2-3 P.M.
- **Shredding Event!** Tuesday, May 10, 2-5 P.M.
- **Motivation for Health and Fitness Webinar:** Wednesday, May 11, 1-2 P.M.
- **Golden Age of Jive Music Part 2 Multimedia Presentation:** Thursday, May 12, 1-2 P.M.
- **Mini Therapy Horse Visit!** Tuesday, May 17, 1-2 P.M.
- **Ask the Lawyer:** Tuesday, May 17, 1-3 P.M.
- ***Java with John is Back! Friday, May 20, 10 A.M.***
- **90s Birthday Luncheon:** Tuesday, May 24, 12-1:30 P.M.
- **Live Elvis Tribute with Calvin Benelli:** Tuesday May 24, 1:30-2:15 P.M.
- **Dancing Joy Performance with Dance Caliente:** Thursday, May 26, 1-2 P.M.
- **Virtual Walking Tour in the Casbah Live from Algeria:** Wed, June 1, 10-11 A.M.

**Groups/Clubs at the COA:** Community Building Circle, Caregiver Support Group (Zoom), Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group, Computer Club, Genealogy Group, Chess Club, Bridge, Book Discussion Group.

**Meals at Sr. Center:** We encourage you to eat in, please contact the COA if you prefer to make other arrangements. Sign up for all meals at 978-929-6652. **Lunch by Benchmark Senior Living/Robbins Brook, Wednesday, May 18, Noon.** Join us for Teriyaki Chicken, brown rice with vegetables, roll, and Carrot Cake for dessert. A \$3 donation is requested. **Lunch with Chef McGuire (Acton Srs. Only) Tuesday, May 10 at Noon.** Enjoy shepherd's pie, garden salad and dessert. Cost is \$3. **Breakfast (Acton Srs. Only) Friday, May 20, 9AM.** Join us for a warm, plentiful breakfast. Typically, French toast, eggs, fruit, bacon and sausages are served, but chef Veteran Services Officer James MacRae sometimes has a surprise in store. Cost is \$3

**For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services:** Please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978-929-6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services. If you're turning 65 in the near future, call Bev to book an appointment with a SHINE counselor to review your Medicare plan options.

**To be added or removed from the paper newsletter mailing list,** please contact us at 978-929-6652 or [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov).



## ACTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATES



### Town of Acton Climate Action Plan Blueprint: The Road to Net Zero by 2030



December 2021

Adopted as a living document in the Climate Action Plan process at the Select Board meeting on December 20, 2021.



We are about to finalize the Climate Action Plan! You can read back on the entire process that began in June 2021 [here](#).

The final plan will be published in one month and we're hosting a festival to celebrate the work that's ahead of us on Saturday, June 11th!

Please save the date and contact [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) with any questions.



## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FESTIVAL: SAVE THE DATE!

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 11th, 12-3PM

**WHAT:** Food, music and climate action resources!

**WHERE:** NARA Park Ampitheatre



All welcome (FREE!)

Need shuttle transport? Any other questions?

Email [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) or call 978-929-6611 for more information





*The new heptacodium planted on Earth Day is taking root by the NARA Park Sports Pavilion!*

**Thank you for joining  
us on Earth Day!**



*[Pictured L-R] Representative Tami Gouveia, Senator Jamie Eldridge, Representative Danillo Sena, Town Manager John Manager, MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg celebrate EV Fast Charger coming to Town of Acton.*



## NEW BRIDGES TO GREEN JOBS PROGRAM: APPLY BY WED, MAY 11

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) just launched their new Bridges to Green Jobs program. Green Jobs is a two-week training for those interested in diving into the weatherization field in efforts to help meet the major labor demands necessary to reach our state's climate goals.

*No college degree is required to apply. The training will run Friday, May 16 – Friday, May 27.  
Applicants are encouraged to apply by Wednesday, May 11.*

Find more information and how to apply [here](#).

**Questions? Contact the Sustainability Office at  
[sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov).**



## DISCOVERY MUSEUM CELEBRATES 100% SOLAR ELECTRICITY CONVERSION

Happening Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11am! We're joining the Discovery Museum in celebrating their conversion to 100% solar electricity produced on their own site through a new, 326kW solar canopy. R.S.V.P. to Lynn at [events@discoveryacton.org](mailto:events@discoveryacton.org). A casual reception for invited guests will follow the ceremony in the Museum's PlayLab Classroom.

# RECREATION DIVISION

Acton Recreation provides a variety of programs for everyone. We have finalized many new programs for the Spring and Summer as well as announce our summer events. NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top is now accepting registrations. Some weeks have already filled up. Don't delay and register today to secure your child's summer plans.

Registration for programs and calendar of events can be found by visiting [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).

We are busy reserving field and facility rentals for 2022. Please submit your application soon to secure your preferred date. Click [here](#) to access forms, fees and details.

***Stay active, make new friends, connect with the community, and welcome spring!***



## **NARA BEACH OPENS SAT, MAY 28**

EARLY BIRD NARA BEACH MEMBERSHIPS  
ARE OFFERED THROUGH MAY 31.

TO OBTAIN THE EARLY BIRD RATE, IT MUST BE  
POSTMARKED OR DELIVERED TO OUR OFFICE or  
BEACH OFFICE BY TUES., MAY 31, 2022

Click [here](#) for Beach Membership Form

Click [here](#) for Beach Rules and Regulations

Click [here](#) for Red Cross Swim Lessons

## **NEW THIS YEAR! Camp Hill Top - Ages 4-7 and CIT Ages 14-15**

We're excited to make our new Camp Hill Top available to children ages 4-7, with CIT option for ages 14-15. Located at the Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive in South Acton, Camp Hill Top offers a wide range of fun, age-appropriate activities including arts & crafts, drama, sports, group challenges, nature, and special activities based on the weekly theme (Camp Hill Top operates separately from NARA Camp and with different themes). On Thursday afternoons campers are bussed to NARA Beach for swimming. Other days there is water play at Camp Hill Top home base. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).

**June 27-July 1:** Building and Engineering Week

**July 5-July 8:** Mad Scientists Week

**July 11-15:** Superheroes Week

**July 18-22:** Olympics Week

**July 25-29:** Community Helpers Week

**Aug. 1-5:** Exploration Space Week

**Aug. 8-12:** Travel around the World Week

**Aug. 15-19:** Camp Hill Top's Got Talent Week

**Aug. 22-26:** Creepy Crawlers Week

## **NARA Summer Camp - Ages 4-15**

NARA Summer Camp creates an environment that encourages children to grow both physically and socially. Our dedicated staff works with peer groups to engage children in healthy outdoor activity along with enrichment opportunities that are challenging and fun. Additional special activities and field trips are based on the weekly theme. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com). *Sessions are filling up. Don't delay!*

**June 27-July 1:** Disney Week

**July 5-July 8:** Mystery Week

**July 11-15:** Pirate Week

**July 18-22:** Superhero Week

**July 25-29:** Olympics Week

**Aug. 1-5:** Carnival Week

**Aug. 8-12:** NARA Ninja Warrior Week

**Aug. 15-19:** Star Wars Week

**Aug. 22-26:** NARA's Got Talent Week



# RECREATION DIVISION

## PROGRAMS NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION:

- Amazing Athletes
- American Red Cross CPR, First Aid & AED w/Acton Rec
- Adventure Art, Artist in Me, Mini Art -- New! With Suni Roy
- Baseball Clinic this summer with Skyhawks
- Birding in Acton with Andy Magee
- [Bus Trips](#) Overnight and newly added day trips!
- **Camp Hill Top at the Rec. Center - All New for ages 4-7**
- Dance and Fitness Classes with Gina Flaherty & Nicole Flaherty
- Floral Arrangement Workshops with Cathy Fochtman
- High Tea Dress-Up Party with Acton Rec, Sun. May 22!
- **NARA Summer Camp (weeks are filling up - don't delay)**
- Pot Luck Lunch Bunch (Theme) with Acton Rec
- Soccer - with Tiny Tykes and Super Soccer Stars
- Squash Women's Only Clinics, Adult Clinics and Youth Clinics with SquashWest
- Swim Lessons at NARA Park
- Tennis --Summer Clinics with Skyhawks
- Wednesday Walk & Talk - Join the conversation!
- Wildlife Explorers with Acton Rec
- Women's Pick-up Soccer with Acton Rec

## SUMMER HELP WANTED

**ACTON RECREATION IS NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS TO WORK AT NARA PARK.** Please obtain an application [here](#). Once completed, submit to Human Resources, Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking High School aged and adult volunteers for the many events we host throughout the year. Volunteers assist with our concessions, ticket area, amphitheater bowl oversight, event set-up and break-down, parking, greeting, running activities, and general support as needed. We also have other volunteer opportunities available to help support our parks and programs. For student volunteers, this is a great way to earn community service hours. Please e-mail [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov) if you are interested.

Did you know that each year the Recreation Department awards a Student Volunteer of the Year Award and a Recreation Volunteer of the Year award? We can't wait to see who will receive our 2022 award!

**REGISTER TODAY @ [ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)**

**WATCH A VIDEO OF THE GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS CREATED BY ACTONTV! [CLICK HERE](#)**

## WEDNESDAY WALK & TALK

Join us as for a nice walk and talk! This weekly meet-up program is for adults of all ages. Children in strollers are welcome and dogs on leash too! This will be our second and the next session will start on Wed., May 11. Coffee and refreshments provided. \$15 per person to help defray costs. Register at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com)

MEET-UP  
FUN  
PROGRAMS

WE LOOK  
FORWARD  
TO SEEING  
YOU!

## POTLUCK LUNCH BUNCH

Who doesn't like a Potluck? We are very excited to bring our community members together of all ages for a potluck lunch! What a great way to meet new people as well as make new friends.

Please bring your own beverage. The \$5 fee per session is to defray the cost of incidentals. Please do not make foods with tree nuts due to possible allergy issues. When you bring your dish, please make sure it will be at the correct temperature. Register at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com)

**Tues, May 10: Baked Potato Bar** -- We'll provide the baked spuds! Please bring a tasty topping which makes the perfect opportunity for everyone to customize their lunch!  
**Tuesday, May 24: Last Name!** This fun and popular Potluck theme is where everyone brings a dish with the letter that begins with his or her last name.  
**Tuesday, June 7: Pinterest Potluck** -- Do you have a recipe board on Pinterest full of ideas that you've never tried? Our friends attending probably do too! So, we'll use this potluck event to bring Pinterest to life by making this a "Pinterest Only" Potluck.



**Acton Recreation  
Department**

**HIGH TEA DRESS-UP PARTY**  
FOR GIRLS 6-11      SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022  
Registration Deadline: Wed., May 18





## TOWN OF ACTON 2022 SUMMER CONCERTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

VISIT  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

*All Tribute to Our Great American*

### BON JOVI

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022  
8:30 - 10:00 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON  
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

VANESSA TRIEN  
& THE JUMPING MONKEYS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022  
8:00-10:00 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA  
[WWW.ACTONMA.GOV](http://WWW.ACTONMA.GOV)

**TREME  
QUEEN**

FRI, JULY 8, 2022  
8:00 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON  
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**DRAW THE LINE**

THE ABOMINABLE TRIO

FRIDAY, JULY 22  
8:00-10:30 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA  
ADVANCE TICKETS \$20 / DAY OF EVENT \$25  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**BEACH PARTY**

SUN, JULY 24, 2022  
12:00 - 3:00 PM  
NARA PARK BEACH  
FREE EVENT  
ACTONREC.COM

**STIFLER'S MOM**

THE ULTIMATE 90'S EXPERIENCE

FRI, AUGUST 5, 2022  
8:00-10:15 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON  
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE / \$25 DAY OF EVENT  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**A DECADE OF SOUL**

CLASSIC SOUL + MOTOWN REVIEW

FRI, AUG. 12, 2022  
8:00 - 10:15 PM  
NARA PARK, ACTON  
ADVANCE TICKETS \$20 / DAY OF EVENT \$25  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**INTO THE FLOOD**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022  
8:00-10:00 PM  
NARA PARK THEATRE  
25 LEADS ROCK NRG, ACTON  
DIP THE FLOOD: THE ULTIMATE FLOOD FIGHT CONTEST  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**OK!**

the Supremes tribute band  
- Quincy - Diana

FRI, AUG 26, 2022  
8:00 - 10:20 PM  
NARA PARK  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**RICH KATH**

REO SPEEDWAGON TRIBUTE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 2022  
8:00-10:30 pm  
NARA PARK, ACTON, MA  
ADVANCE TICKETS \$20 / DAY OF EVENT \$25  
[ACTONREC.COM](http://ACTONREC.COM)

**Monster Bash**

Blacklight DJ Dance Party

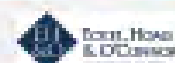
- COSTUME CONTEST
- FLOW DANCING
- TRICK OR TREAT
- GUARANTEED FUN!

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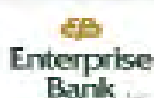
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# Acton Memorial Library

presents

## *Harpist Aine Minogue*

Thursday, May 12

7-8 p.m.

Meeting Room

Acton Memorial Library

No registration required. Doors will open 15 minutes  
before the start of the program.

Born and raised in Borrisokane, County Tipperary, Ireland, Áine Minogue is an award-winning harpist, singer, arranger and composer who has entertained Presidents and Prime Ministers, as well as traveled extensively to perform at concerts across the United States and around the world. Áine's music, in varying styles including Celtic, World, Folk, Spiritual and New Age can be found on Pandora, Spotify, iTunes, and Amazon.

### STAY CONNECTED & MORE WITH AML

**Check out our BOOK and MEDIA lists!** Some tried and true-some freshly created. Click [here](#) to view the lists.

**Stay up-to-date with announcements and library info by following on Facebook** ([@ActonMemLibrary](#)) and Instagram ([@ActonLibrary](#)) and Twitter ([@ActonMemLibrary](#)), or by visiting [actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://actonmemoriallibrary.org)

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### **Summer YA Volunteers 2022**

Acton Memorial Library is seeking Young Adults (grades 9 -12 in September 2022), to volunteer this Summer. More information and application form (for download) at the bottom of our YA page under "Volunteering". Application forms are also available at the Circulation desk at the Library. Contact: [asood@actonma.gov](mailto:asood@actonma.gov)

**Local History:** ["Not Afraid to Go" Exhibit](#) [Local History Links](#)



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Learn more and register at [ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar](https://actonmemoriallibrary.org/Calendar)

### CHILDREN

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**

Questions? E-mail: [ACTChildrens@minlib.net](mailto:ACTChildrens@minlib.net)

#### BABY AND TODDLER STORYTIME

*Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 AM*

Stories, songs, rhymes, and more!

#### READ TO A DOG

*Every Other Tuesday, 4:00—5:00 PM,  
Children's Craft Room*

Young readers can make a 15-minute appointment to read aloud to Zora. Call to schedule your child's time (978) 929-6658.



#### SING-ALONG STORYTIME

*Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 AM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Join Mr. Robert and his guitar on Zoom for Music & Movement & Stories.

#### EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM

*Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 PM on the Library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Each Wednesday will be a different program, including: STEM + STEAM workshops and more.

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

*Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 AM on the library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.*

Interactive Storytime with Miss Elise geared toward preschoolers ages 3 and up.

#### CRAFTING IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

*Thursdays, 4:00-4:30 PM*

All materials provided

#### HERO KIDS ROLE-PLAYING GAME

*Second Saturday of Every Month, 10—11:30 AM on the Library lawn (weather permitting) or Meeting Room.* Hero Kids is a role-playing game like Dungeons & Dragons, toned down for children ages 6+.

### TWEENS & TEENS

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**



#### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

*Select Saturdays, 10:00 AM – Noon*



#### ZOOM: LOTUS LANTERN

*Wed, May 11, 6:30-8:00 PM*

A member of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project will show us, step by step, how to make a lovely lotus flower lantern.

A craft kit for this class with necessary materials including colored paper and wire frames will be made available to registered participants for pick-up at the library in the weeks before the class occurs.

This class is for participants aged 11-18.



**Attention Birders! The library has two Birding Kits with binoculars available for circulation.**

### ADULTS

**Pre-registration required for all programs unless noted.**

Questions? E-mail Acton Memorial Library's Adult Services Department at [ACTAdultservices@minlib.net](mailto:ACTAdultservices@minlib.net)

#### ZOOM: "DISCOVER INDIA" SERIES

**May 2 from 7-8PM, Taking Back the Paisley (Hail to the "buta"):** A conversation and learning to draw a basic Paisley pattern. (No skills needed, just some paper and pencils.)

Today, if you show a picture of paisley to someone, most people will recognize it and say, "That's a great Paisley pattern."

And yet 200 years ago, if you showed this picture to everybody, you would have heard a different response, "That is the stunning "buta" pattern from Northern India." Join us and learn the story behind the Paisley!

**May 9 from 7-8PM, Sher Khan In the Super Bowl? Indian Tiger at work and play.** What

is the undistinguished similarity between the Cincinnati Bengals, who made it to Super Bowl 2022, and Shere Khan is, a movie villain hunting the boy who must live in the Jungle Book? From Tony the Tiger on cereal boxes to Hobbes the beloved stuffed tiger in "Calvin and Hobbes," to the Tiger King series on Netflix, the Tiger () has long been a fixture in American culture and commerce.



**These programs are suitable for middle school students, teens and adults. Some hands-on activities. Click [here](#) to register.**

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

*Tuesday, May 17, 7:30-8:30 PM*

This month, the Acton Memorial Library Book Group will discuss the book *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and Turbulent Future of Water* by Charles Fishman. All are invited to join in discussion. This event will be held via Zoom

#### ZOOM SOCIAL COMMENTARY/ SOCIAL ACTION-A DISCUSSION ABOUT ART

Presented by the Smithsonian American Art Museum,  
Thursday, May 19, 4—5 PM



### ***THE FRIENDS OF THE ACTON LIBRARIES BOOK SALE***

Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room

- The Preview Sale for Friends Members is Friday evening, May 20, from 7-9 pm. That means first pick, and light music. Residents may join the Friends at the door for \$20.
- The Book Sale is open to the general public Saturday, May 21, from 9am - 4pm.
- Sunday, May 22, is 'Half-Price Day' from 2-4pm.

### **LINKS AT AML**

Did you miss the April Discover India programs offered by IAGB in collaboration with the Burlington Public Library?

No problem! Find them here on our YouTube channel:

- [The Story of Blue-Discover India](#)
- [Ten Unknown Beautiful Places in India-Discover India](#)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**A limited amount of childcare subsidy funds are still available on first-come first-served basis through Thursday, June 30, 2022.**

The funds can provide children ages 0-13 with subsidies at any DEEC licensed childcare program, Recreation Dept. school break vacation programs or AB Community Education. Please contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651 or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov) for additional information or to apply.

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Income Limit for Residents of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, Maynard</b>	<b>Income Limit for Residents of Westford</b>
2	\$80,850	\$63,950
3	\$90,950	\$71,950
4	\$101,050	\$79,900
5	\$109,150	\$86,300
6	\$117,250	\$92,700
7	\$125,350	\$99,100
8	\$133,400	\$105,500

## SPRING PAVING

Beginning May 16th, road construction will begin on the following:

- Pearl Street
- Church Street
- Summer Street
- Freedom Farme Road
- Olde Barn Way
- Mohegan Road
- Seminole Road
- Quaboag Road
- Birch Ridge Road
- Juniper Ridge Road
- Cherry Ridge Road



This process will involve grinding, adjusting drainage structures and putting down a final course of pavement.

Please note, the duration and schedule can change depending on the weather or other conditions that may arise.

While the crew is working there will be no on-street parking allowed within these areas. A police officer will be in the area to direct traffic and signs will be posted.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

If you have any questions, you may call the DPW/Highway Division during business hours (7:00 AM – 3:30 PM) at 978-929-7740 or email [highway@actonma.gov](mailto:highway@actonma.gov)

## SPRING REPAIRS

Sometimes the grass strips and curbs along the roads are damaged while plowing. The Highway Division works to repair these areas as soon as possible after the snow has melted and the ground has thawed; however other work that involves the safety of the public takes priority. It may take until mid-summer to repair these areas. The repair of grass surfaces generally consists of raking out the ruts and seeding with a standard highway grass seed. If your landscaping needs are such that this is unacceptable, you may choose to repair these areas on your own earlier in the spring.

## STREET SWEEPING

Part of the Highway Division's maintenance program involves cleaning the road surfaces and drains. The road surfaces and sidewalks are cleaned with mechanical sweepers during the spring months. The highly visible areas are cleaned first, such as the town centers and the Isaac Davis Trail. Most roads are swept once during this period.

Residents are reminded to NOT put lawn waste, trash, tree limbs, etc in the roadway during the sweeping process as it may damage the machinery. The operator will not remove such material, leaving an unsightly mess for you and your neighbors

The Department of Public Works would like to thank the residents for their continued cooperation during the winter months. It can be a challenging time for all.

# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>E-Mail</b>
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	<a href="mailto:nursing@actonma.gov">nursing@actonma.gov</a>
Assessor's Office	978-929-6621	<a href="mailto:assessor@actonma.gov">assessor@actonma.gov</a>
Building Division	978-929-6633	<a href="mailto:building@actonma.gov">building@actonma.gov</a>
Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	<a href="mailto:cemetery@actonma.gov">cemetery@actonma.gov</a>
West Acton Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	<a href="mailto:wacl@actonma.gov">wacl@actonma.gov</a>
Collector/Treasurer Office	978-929-6622	<a href="mailto:collector@actonma.gov">collector@actonma.gov</a>
Community Resources Office	978-929-6651	<a href="mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov">lducharme@actonma.gov</a>
Council on Aging	978-929-6652	<a href="mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov">seniorcenter@actonma.gov</a>
Engineering Division	978-929-6630	<a href="mailto:engineering@actonma.gov">engineering@actonma.gov</a>
Fire Department	978-929-7722	<a href="mailto:fire@actonma.gov">fire@actonma.gov</a>
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Human Resources Department	978-929-6613	<a href="mailto:hr@actonma.gov">hr@actonma.gov</a>
Information Technology Department	978-929-6612	<a href="mailto:it@actonma.gov">it@actonma.gov</a>
Acton Memorial Library	978-929-6655	<a href="http://actonmemoriallibrary.org">actonmemoriallibrary.org</a>
Natural Resources Division	978-929-6634	<a href="mailto:NR@actonma.gov">NR@actonma.gov</a>
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Police Department	978-929-7711	<a href="mailto:police@actonma.gov">police@actonma.gov</a>
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